THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Kerala has sent a proposal for recognition of the following six movements for grant of pension under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980:

(1) Punnapra—Vayalar Movement

(2) Kayyur Movement

(3) Karivelloor Movement

(4) Kavumbai Movement

(5) Morazha Movement

(6) Malabar Special Police Strike (SMP Strike).

(c) The matter is under consideration of the Central Government.

Drug Addict Drivers

3129. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of drivers of trucks, buses and three wheelers in the cities have been found to be drug addicts;

(b) whether it has also been the main reason for the high rate of accidents in the Capital;

(c) if so, whether the Government have made any plan to issue directions to the States in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) it is a fact that a large number of drivers of trucks, buses and three wheelers in the big cities and the Capital are found to be drug addicts and the drug addiction by the drivers is one of the reasons for the accidents.

(c) and (d) Government of India is making its earnest effort to control the supply of drugs as well as to reduce the demand for drugs. NDPS Act, 1985, is enforced to deal with cases of peddling, pushing and trafficking in drugs. Towards demand reduction, a scheme to provide financial assistance to the non-governmental organisations is being implemented. Under this scheme, financial assistance is given for setting up of de-addiction, counselling and after care centres throughout the country to provide detoxification, treatment and rehabilitation services to those addicted including the drivers. Awareness generation programmes among the masses about the hazards of drug abuse are also being undertaken. Various media are used for the purpose.

[Translation]

Registration of Cases by Delhi Police

3130. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to stated:

(a) the number of cases registered by the Delhi Police under Section 498-A/307/34 of IPC in 1997 till date;

(b) the details of the said cases converted from Section 307 to Section 302 of IPC;

(c) whether appropriate action is not being taken against the criminals involved in such cases;

(d) the details of the complaints/requests received in this regard;

(e) whether the incidents of intimidation/threatening, assault, filing of false complaints and harassment of parents other relatives of witness and the deceased by the criminals to withdraw their cases/statements have come to the notice of the Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (f) Delhi Police have registered during the current year (upto 31.7.1997) 27 cases under sections 498-A/307/34 of IPC and in 6 of these cases section 307 was later changed to section 302 after the victims succumbed to their injuries. Delhi Police have further reported that in all such cases appropriate action as per law has been taken against the accused persons and no complaint in this regard was received by them nor any instance of intimidation etc. by the accused was brought to their notice.

[English]

Grinding of Wheat

3131. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat allocated by FCI to Super Bazar, Kendriya Bhandar and such other institutions between June, 1996 to April 1997 for converting into atta and selling the same @ Rs. 64 per bag of 10 kg.;

(b) the quantity of atta sold by the said institution @ Rs. 64 per bag of 10 kg. in the said period, month-wise;

(c) the reasons for not converting the entire quantity of wheat into atta;

(d) whether the said institutions got the wheat grinded into atta from outside Delhi;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the wheat sent outside Delhi for grinding has not yet come back;

(g) if so, the reasons for its not coming back as duly grinded;

(h) whether the Central Cooperative Registrar has since enquired into the wheat scandal;

(i) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(j) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (b) A statement indicating the month-wise allotment of wheat made by the FCI to be sold as atta after conversion, lifting of wheat as also the quantity of atta sold by Super Bazar, Kendriya Bhandar and NCCF during June '96 to April '97 is attached.

(c) to (e) Only Super Bazar, Delhi had sent 1199 MT of wheat for conversion by two mills located outside Delhi. The two mills were M/s. Etawah Flour Mills, Etawah (UP) and M/s. Virendra Flour Mills, Gohana (Haryana). This was done as the Delhi flour mills were charging higher rates for conversion of wheat into atta. The quantity of wheat allotted in respect of these two mills were as under:—

Etawah Flour Mills	—	1149 MT
Virendra Flour Mills	—	50 MT
		1199 MT

(f) and (g) In respect of wheat supplied to Etawah Flour Mills by Super Bazar, Delhi, the same was not received back as per the agreement. The mill had supplied only 70 MT of atta which was rejected by Super Bazar laboratory being not in conformity with their quality specifications.

(h) to (j) The Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies was asked to conduct an enquiry in the matter. The Enquiry Report of the Central Registrar has since been received. As processing of the report involves consultation with other Departments, no final decision has been taken on the recommendations by the Government.

Statement

Statement indicating the month-wise allotment of wheat made by FCI to be sold as Atta after conversion and the details of the sales made by Super Bazar, Delhi, Kendriya Bhandar, Delhi and NCCF

(Qty. in MTs)

Name of the month	Allotment of wheat from FCI			Lifted by the			Quantity of Atta sold by		
	Super Bazar	Kendnya Bhandar	NCCF	Super Bazar	Kendnya Bhandar	NCCF	Super Bazar	Kendnya Bhandar	NCCF
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
June 96	NIL	NIL	—	NIL	NIL	—	—	329.99	—
July 96	200	NIL	—	200	NIL	—	180	311.45	—
Aug 96	1000	1000	—	1000	1000	—	900	421.30	—
Sept 96	500	400	—	500	400	—	450	625.54	—
Oct 96	1000	1200	—	1000	1200	—	900	440.90	—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nov 96	1000	2000	—	1000	1000	—	900	797.52	—
Dec 96	5000	5000	3000	2950	5000	3000	2655	1991.76	102.94
Jan 97	5000	5000	3000	3320	5000	3000	2988	3697.60	1022.03
Feb 97	5000	5000	3000	2740	4571	3000	2972	6598.44	2810.83
Mar 97	6000	9000	5950	4710	7100.89	4604	2092	9511.24	7008.06
April 97	NIL	NIL	—	NIL	NIL	—	606	797.62	653.21

Note:— (1) In respect of NCCF allotment of wheat was made from Dec 96.

(2) During June 96 and July 96 Kendriya Bhandar was selling atta after procuring wheat from open market.

(3) Information of Kendriya Bhandar for April' 97 pertains to the period upto 10.4.97.

[Translation]

Trans-boundry Conservation Board

3132. SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Trans-boundary Conservation Board has been set up for the Conservation of wild animals to check illegal trade of forest products on Indo-Nepal border;

(b) if so, whether the proposed Board has been finalised; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) A trans-boundary consultative meeting on biodiversity conservation between India and Nepal was held at Kathmandu in January 1997. Representatives from the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, State Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal and His Majesty's Government of Nepal participated in this meeting. The meeting resolved to take cooperative action on the issues of trans-boundary protected areas and control of illegal trade in timber, flora and fauna and their products. The consultative Committee will meet regularly to review the progress made and improve the future actions based on experience gained.

[English]

Plantation Project

3133. SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have released the funds to Orissa for implementation of centrally sponsored scheme for upliftment of Scheduled Tribes and poor section through plantation project in undivided Koraput district;

(b) if so, the funds provided during each of the last three years and the progress made thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Orissa is going to wind up the scheme and the funds provided for such viable scheme have not been properly utilised;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) During the year 1993-94, a grant of Rs. 1,12,45,500 were released to Government of Orissa. As the funds could not be utilised by the State Government, the amount was revalidated during the years 1995-96 & 1996-97 and no further releases could be made.